

LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Parks, Libraries & Arts

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

5:05 p.m.

Third Floor, City Hall

Present: **Chair:** **CM Stuckel**
 Vice Chair: **CM Henderson (Excused Absence)**
 Members: **CM Jon Ackerson, CM Peden,**
 CW Welch and CM B. Ackerson (Arrived 5:15pm)

Absent: **CM Blackwell (Excused)**

Also Present: **CM Heiner**

Chairman Stuckel began the meeting by announcing the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

Pending Legislation

[O-58-04-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 32.371 OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES \[LMCO\] RELATING TO THE LOUISVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY MASTER PLAN](#)

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Parks, Libraries & Arts
Primary Sponsor: Vicki Aubrey Welch

Motion made to Approve for discussion only made by CM Peden and seconded by Jon Ackerson.

Discussion: Craig Buthod, Director of Louisville Free Public Library spoke to the item. The following was discussed.

- ❖ Updated Master Plan for Library Development (**attachment**)
 - Purpose
 - ✓ Meet state minimum standards for public library adequacy
 - ✓ Provide library service in Louisville on a par with that of other cities in the region
 - Goals
 - Plan Recommendations
 - Regional Libraries
 - ✓ Three 40,000 square foot regional libraries in suburban Louisville; 90% of the city's residents will live within five miles of a major resource library
 - New Libraries
 - ✓ New libraries in underserved neighborhoods; Newburg, Shively/Pleasure Ridge Park; replacement for outgrown space in Middletown
 - Expansions/Renovations
 - ✓ Expanded libraries in St. Matthews, Fern Creek, Shawnee
 - ✓ Renovated and converted spaces in Portland, Western, Jeffersontown, Iroquois and Bon Air
 - ✓ Capital improvements at Crescent Hill, Highlands-Shelby Park and Fairdale
 - ✓ Major renovation of the historic Main Library
 - Economic Reality
 - Request
 - ✓ Council adoption of the updated Master Plan
 - ✓ Will enable Louisville to be eligible for state library construction funds

- Funds will not be released from the Government – have to have a Master Plan
- ❖ Concerns of the Committee
 - ✓ Master Plan based on stimulus money
 - ✓ How much money will the Mayor give to Master Plan
 - ✓ A plan needs to be put in place
 - ✓ How much State funds are available
 - ✓ Operating cost
 - ✓ Bond issues
 - ✓ What is the basis on the Time-lines

Chairman Stuckel asked Mr. Buthod to attend the next Committee meeting, May 5, 2009 for further discussion.

Motion to Table made by James Peden and seconded by Jon Ackerson.

Without objection, this item was **Tabled**.

Chairman Stuckel made a motion Adjourn without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

***NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on April 23, 2009.**

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